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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 26 April - 6 May 1953 follows. The report for the immediately preceding period is referenced above.

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30 April

Westbound rail - Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 56 boxcars, 30 gondolas of poles, 7 gondolas of jeeps, 1 gondola of boxes, 7 gondolas of trucks, 3 gondolas of sand, 2 gondolas of coal, and 5 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, 1 gondola of boxes, and 15 tank cars; 2 night trains.

1 May

Westbound rail - Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, 6 gondolas of poles, 3 gondolas of boxes, 2 gondolas of coal, 3 gondolas of timber, and 7 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 4 trains composed of 17 passenger cars, 54 boxcars, 2 gondolas of boxes, and 15 tank cars; 1 night train.

2 May

Westbound rail - Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 3 trains composed of 17 passenger cars, 36 boxcars, 9 gondolas of iron, 1 gondola of timber, 3 gondolas of poles, 1 gondola of trucks, and 9 tank cars; 2 night trains.

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Westbound rail - Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 2 trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 24 boxcars, and 1 tank car; 1 night train.

3 May

Westbound rail - Nakhichevan to Yerevan: 5 trains composed of 17 passenger cars, 72 boxcars, 9 gondolas of coal, 6 gondolas of trucks, 5 gondolas of wood, 3 gondolas of tractors, 3 gondolas of poles, 6 gondolas of timber, 2 gondolas of boxes, 2 gondolas of jeeps, 5 gondolas of sand, and 15 tank cars.

Westbound rail - Yerevan to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 16 passenger cars, 22 boxcars, 14 gondolas of sand, 2 gondolas of boxes, and 15 tank cars.

2. Dzhulfa

30 April

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 18 boxcars, 11 gondolas of wood, 3 gondolas of coal, 5 gondolas of trucks, 10 empty gondolas, and 21 tank cars; 1 night train.

Westbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 1 train composed of 14 passenger cars and 1 boxcar.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 41 boxcars, 15 gondolas of wood, 26 empty gondolas, and 10 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 1 train composed of 15 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, 3 gondolas of wood, 6 empty gondolas, and 1 tank car.

Westbound road - Nakhichevan to Ordubad: 16 trucks, 3 jeeps, 1 short-barreled gun, and 60 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Nakhichevan: 2 trucks, 3 jeeps, and 60 soldiers.

Soviet Dzhulfa: 4 red rockets were released at 2100 hours.

1 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 17 boxcars, 9 gondolas of wood, 39 gondolas of automobiles, 1 empty gondola, and 9 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 35 boxcars, 18 empty gondolas, and 17 tank cars; 1 night train.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 18 boxcars, 4 gondolas of wood, 3 gondolas of automobile, 10 empty gondolas, and 2 tank cars; 3 night trains.

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, 8 empty gondolas, and 12 tank cars.

Eastbound road - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 8 trucks, 3 jeeps, 3 automobiles, and 35 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 15 trucks, 2 jeeps, 3 automobiles, and 40 soldiers.

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Dzhulfa cont.

Activity: At 1100 hours 3 officers and 1 soldier made an inspection visit to the border post located near the iron bridge. (This is probably the iron bridge at Dzhulfa.)

2 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 53 boxcars, 15 gondolas of wood and iron, 16 empty gondolas, and 14 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 1 train composed of 14 passenger cars and 1 boxcar; 2 night trains.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 35 boxcars, 3 gondolas of iron, 4 gondolas of trucks, 6 gondolas of wood, and 2 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 53 boxcars, 5 gondolas of boxes, 4 gondolas of iron, 20 empty gondolas, and 6 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound road - Nakhichevan to Ordubad: 12 trucks, 2 jeeps, 4 automobiles, and 40 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Nakhichevan: 6 trucks, 3 jeeps, 4 automobiles, and 30 soldiers.

Soviet Dzhulfa: 20 soldiers were engaged in military operations.

3 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 1 boxcar, and 21 tank cars, 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 21 boxcars, 4 gondolas of wood, 4 gondolas of trucks, 4 empty gondolas, 5 gondolas of iron, and 6 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 53 boxcars, 11 gondolas of wood, 3 gondolas of iron tools, 13 empty gondolas, and 3 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 23 boxcars, 5 gondolas of iron tools, 15 empty gondolas, and 15 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound road - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 14 trucks, 6 jeeps, and 50 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Nakhichevan: 10 trucks, 5 jeeps, and 10 soldiers.

North of Dzhulfa - 100 soldiers held target practice with rifles and machine guns.

4 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 47 boxcars, 11 gondolas of wood, 9 empty gondolas, and 2 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 100 passenger cars, 1 boxcar, and 15 empty gondolas; 3 night trains.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: Not listed.

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Dzhulfa cont.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 2 boxcars, and 39 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

Eastbound road - Nakhichevan to Ordubad: 17 trucks, 5 jeeps, 6 automobiles, 1 truck of wood, and 80 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Dzhulfa-Nakhichevan: 20 trucks, 4 jeeps, 9 automobiles, and 50 soldiers.

Soviet Dzhulfa: 3 white rockets were fired.

5 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 40 boxcars, 25 gondolas of wood, and 2 tank cars.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 8 boxcars, 12 gondolas of sand, and 14 tank cars; 1 night train.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 41 boxcars, 16 empty gondolas, 3 gondolas of wood, 5 of trucks, and 2 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 1 train composed of 15 passenger cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound road - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 21 trucks, 4 jeeps, 4 automobiles, and 50 soldiers.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Nakhichevan: 11 trucks, 7 jeeps, 5 automobiles, and 48 soldiers.

150 soldiers performed military operations on the elevations north of Dzhulfa.

2 rockets were released at Dzhulfa.

36 truck loads of soldiers left Soviet Dzhulfa and, after a 45-minute stop at the military training field, moved towards Nakhichevan.

The Soviets, for the first time, have tilled a tract of land covering approximately 8 hectares, lying south of Dzhulfa, along the Araxes river bank, east of the wooden bridge, apparently making it ready for cultivation.

6 May

Westbound rail - Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 55 boxcars, 25 gondolas of lumber, 20 empty gondolas, and 6 tank cars.

Eastbound rail - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 12 boxcars, 4 empty gondolas, and 2 tank cars; 1 night train.

Westbound rail - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 69 boxcars, 8 gondolas of wood and coal, 13 empty gondolas, and 5 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Ordubad: 3 trains composed of 6 passenger cars, 37 boxcars, and 5 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound road - Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa-Ordubad: 30 trucks, 2 jeeps, 3 automobiles, and 100 soldiers.

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Dzhulfa cont.

Westbound road - Ordubad to Dzhulfa: 31 trucks, 5 jeeps, 3 automobiles, and 140 soldiers.

Activity: 10 trucks full of armed soldiers, with 4 short-barrelled guns, proceeded from Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan.

3. Sia Rud

26 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 1 train composed of 15 passenger cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 5 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 65 boxcars, 15 tank cars, 4 gondolas of boxes, and 24 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

27 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 55 boxcars, 24 tank cars, 19 gondolas of timber and poles, 2 gondolas of automobiles and cranes, 1 gondola of pipes, 2 gondolas of engines, 1 gondola of coal, 1 gondola of wire, and 28 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 5 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 81 boxcars, 10 tank cars, 4 gondolas of stone, 56 empty gondolas; 1 night train.

28 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 69 boxcars, 5 tank cars, 18 gondolas of automobiles, 2 gondolas of engines, 1 gondola of timber, poles, and lumber, and 64 empty gondolas; 3 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 13 tank cars, 3 gondolas of trucks, and 36 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

29 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, 4 tank cars, 11 gondolas of timber, poles, and lumber, 2 gondolas of pots, 1 gondola of trucks, and 6 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 28 boxcars, 19 tank cars, 2 gondolas of engines, and 10 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

30 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 48 boxcars, 13 gondolas of poles, timber, and lumber, 4 gondolas of trucks, 20 empty gondolas, 2 gondolas of vehicle cabs, 1 gondola of caldrons, 1 gondola of boxes, and 23 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, 3 gondolas of boxes, 6 gondolas of tea, and 16 tank cars; 1 night train.

1 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 35 boxcars, 4 gondolas of poles, timber, and lumber, 3 gondolas of trucks, 1 gondola of pipes, 1 gondola of tractors, 10 empty gondolas, and 3 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 41 boxcars, 4 gondolas of boxes, 15 empty gondolas, and 13 tank cars; 1 night train.

2 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 18 boxcars, 10 gondolas of poles, timber, and lumber, 3 gondolas of engines, 2 gondolas of trucks, 12 empty gondolas, and 2 tank cars; 1 night train.

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Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 57 boxcars, 21 empty gondolas, and 6 tank cars; 1 night train.

3 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 21 boxcars, 14 gondolas of poles, lumber, and timber, 3 gondolas of trucks, 3 gondolas of engines, 19 gondolas of iron pipes, 5 empty gondolas, and 4 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 10 boxcars, 3 gondolas of boxes, 1 gondola of stoves, 7 empty gondolas, and 10 tank cars; 1 night train.

4 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 44 boxcars, 12 gondolas of poles, timber, and lumber, 4 gondolas of coal, 1 gondola of tractors, 1 gondola of poles, 7 empty gondolas, and 3 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 1 boxcar, and 43 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

5 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 42 boxcars, 11 gondolas of poles, timber, and lumber, 2 gondolas of coal, 2 gondolas of earth, 4 gondolas of boxes, 2 gondolas of tractors, 7 empty gondolas, and 2 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 38 boxcars, 2 gondolas of boxes, 1 gondola of stoves, 7 empty gondolas, and 7 tank cars; 2 night trains.

6 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 33 boxcars, 2 gondolas of iron, 2 gondolas of coal, 2 gondolas of engines, 8 gondolas of stone, 2 gondolas of trucks, 1 gondola of tractors, 4 empty gondolas, 4 gondolas of timber and lumber, and 10 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 24 boxcars, 3 gondolas of boxes, 21 empty gondolas, and 19 tank cars; 1 night train.

4. Khude Afarin

26 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 39 boxcars, 74 gondolas of automobiles, and 9 empty gondolas.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 37 boxcars, 10 empty gondolas, and 13 tank cars.

27 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 55 boxcars, 15 gondolas of timber and wire, 1 gondola carrying a tank, 1 gondola of armed soldiers, 1 empty gondola, and 6 tank cars.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 1 train composed of 14 passenger cars.

28 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 62 boxcars, 25 gondolas of timber and wire, and 4 tank cars; 2 night trains.

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Khuda Afarin cont.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 3 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 80 boxcars, 7 gondolas of engines and iron, 7 empty gondolas, and 15 tank cars; 2 night trains.

29 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 5 trains composed of 7 gondolas (lime, iron tools, 22 trucks, and 1 automobile), and 19 tank cars; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 1 train composed of 14 passenger cars; 2 night trains.

At the entrance to Khuda Afarin bridge, the Soviets have erected 14 landmarks side by side, 2.30 meters long.¹ They have installed a door at the center, stretching barbed wire between the posts.

30 April Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 24 boxcars, 12 gondolas of timber, iron, and coal, and 3 tank cars; 3 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 53 boxcars, 12 empty gondolas, and 27 tank cars; 1 night train.

1 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 39 boxcars, 6 gondolas of trucks, 3 gondolas of automobiles, 9 gondolas of timber, wire, and iron, and 31 tank cars; 3 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 43 boxcars, 1 gondola of stone, 1 empty gondola, and 18 tank cars; 1 night train.

2 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 39 boxcars, 7 gondolas of buses, 2 gondolas of automobiles, 3 gondolas of timber, and 11 tank cars.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 3 trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 45 boxcars, 3 gondolas of engines, 7 empty gondolas, and 7 tank cars.

3 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 42 boxcars, 12 gondolas of timber, agricultural machines, and 2 guns, and 3 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 4 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 83 boxcars, 8 gondolas of timber, boxes, and engines, 3 empty gondolas, and 40 tank cars; 1 night train.

4 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 3 trains composed of 75 boxcars and 10 tank cars; 1 night train.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 1 train composed of 15 passenger cars, and 25 gondolas of timber, coal, boxes, 2 cranes, 3 trucks, and 5 automobiles; 1 night train.

5 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 4 trains composed of 74 boxcars, 11 gondolas of timber and boxes, 14 empty gondolas, and 39 tank cars; 3 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 13 boxcars, and 12 empty gondolas; 2 night trains.

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Khuda Afarin cont.

6 May Westbound rail - Baku to Dzhulfa: 2 trains composed of 77 boxcars, 12 gondolas (carrying timber, 4 trucks, and 1 automobile), 1 empty gondola, and 6 tank cars; 3 night trains.

Eastbound rail - Dzhulfa to Baku: 2 trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 32 boxcars, and 13 tank cars; 2 night trains.

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